Habs' Playoff Heroes Come Through Again

MONTREAL—Dickie Moore and Marcel Bonin, Montreal's playoff payoff men, scored third-period goals here last night to power the Canadiens to a 5-3 victory over Toronto's pesky Leafs in the opening game of the best-of-seven Stanley Cup hockey final.

For 50 minutes the Leafs had played Montreal's fast and freewheeling brand of hockey, and all but beaten them at it. However in the final 10 minutes of the third period they appeared to tire, and it was then that Moore and Bonin went to work.

Bonin, the leading goalgetter in the playoffs with eight, got his stick on a shot by Henri Richard to deflect it past Johnny Bower at 11.59. Then, with Toronto's Bobby Baun sitting out a kneeing penalty, Moore got the clincher, set up by the rugged little Bonin. Moore leads playoff pointgetters with 14.

Bonin stole the puck from Bob Pulford behind the Toronto net, passed it out in front, and Moore fired a 15-footer to score at 15.02.

Up to then it had been anybody's game. Henri Richard, who had a three-point night, got Montreal off to the lead with a goal at the 36-second mark of the first period. However the Leafs, checking doggedly, evened it up when Dick Duff scored while his team was a man short at 4.53, and Billy Harris put the Leafs ahead at 6.24.

Rookie Ralph Backstrom, picked by Montreal coach Toe Blake as the potential "big man" in the series, tied it for Montreal before the period ended.

Claude Pronovost sent Montreal ahead again in the second period, and again the Leafs rallied to tie, this time through Carl Brewer.

HAD CHANCES

The game was surprisingly lacking in heavy body checking, but was featured by the tenacious checking of the Leafs. Canadiens had five chances to put their fearsome power play to work, had it backfire on them once, and could only get one goal out of it.

Second game of the series will be played Saturday in Montreal, with the next two in Toronto next Tuesday and Thursday.

In the Montreal dressing room, the Canadiens were a cheerful bunch, especially Bonin. The starry winger, who scored seven goals in the first five of the six games it took the Canadiens to eliminate Chicago, said that "I was glad to break out of my one-game scoring slump."

ROCKET UNHAPPY

Maurice Richard was the only disgruntled Canadien. The Rocket returned to action for the first time since Nov. 18, was used only three times on power plays, and was unhappy because he wasn't used more frequently. He received a tremendous ovation from the sell-out crowd of more than 14,000 when he took to the ice.

For a few minutes at least, Montreal owner Senator Hartland Molson wasn't particularly happy either. Senator Molson, trying to get into the dressing room to congratulate his team, was shooed away by an attendant at the entrance and had to go to the door where newspapermen were being admitted.

Punch Imlach was as talkative as ever in the Toronto dressing room.

"The Canadiens are dead pigeons," he snapped. "If that's the best they can do, we can beat them. We'll play the same style Saturday and check even better."

Toronto—Goal: Bower; defence: Horton, Stanley, Reaume, Price, Brewer. Baun; forwards: Harris, Ehman, Mahovlich, Creighton, Duff, Armstrong, Pulford, Olmstead, Barry Cullen, Brian Cullen, Stewart.

Montreal—Goal: Plante; defence: Johnson, Talbot, Harvey, Turner, Langlois, Cushenan; forwards: Henri Richard, Bonin, Backstrom, Geoffrion, McDonald, Goyette, Provost, Pronovost, Maurice Richard, Marshall.

Referee: Eddie Powers; linesmen: Bill Morrison and George Hayes.

FIRST PERIOD

1. Montreal, H. Richard (Moore, Talbot) 36.
2. Toronto, Duff 4.53.
3. Toronto, Harris (Horton) 6.24.
4. Montreal, Backstrom (Provost) 15.41.

Penalties: Geoffrion 1.13, Pulford 3.25, Armstrong 7.00, Brewer 18.51, Geoffrion 19.24.

SECOND PERIOD

5. Montreal, Pronovost (Goyette, Provost) 16.28.
6. Toronto, Stewart (Brewer) 18.26.

Penalties: Brewer 2.51, Johnson 7.07.

THIRD PERIOD

7. Montreal, Bonin (H. Richard, Harvey) 11.59.
8. Montreal, Moore (Bonin, H. Richard) 15.02.

Penalties: Mahovlich 1.28, Bonin 1.28, Armstrong 7.13, Turner 7.13, Baun 14.02, Baun (major) 15.32, H. Richard (major) 15.32, Harris (minor and misconduct, served by Price) 16.54.

Stops:				
Bower	7	12	12	—31
Plante	5	6	11	—24

Canadiens Defence Tough to Crack

Defensive one-two punch of goalie Jacques Plante and Doug Harvey played a major role in Montreal Canadiens' 5-3 victory over Toronto Maple Leafs in the opening game of Stanley Cup final last night at Montreal. Toronto's Dave Creighton found the combination too much to buck and got the sandwich treatment as Plante slid out to block his shot. Second game of the series will be played Saturday in Montreal.—(AP Photofax.)

FAN FARE By Walt Ditzen

Mail Letters, Sport Fans

Letters, we get letters . . .

And as the television comedians are so fond of saying, keep those letters rolling in, friends. Pick your choice as Victoria's outstanding sports figure in the past year and get in on the Sid Thomas Memorial Trophy competition.

The coveted award, presented annually by The Daily Colonist, goes to "the outstanding figure in Victoria amateur sport, whether as a player or official, in the past sports year." Winner is selected by a committe headed by sports editor Jim Tang, but Colonist readers will have a lot to do with the final choice.

Readers are asked to send in letters nominating candidates for the trophy, and listing the reasons for their choice. Writer of the best letter will receive $25. The committee will use the letters as a guide, but the trophy winner will not necessarily be the athlete or official named in the winning letter.

Winner of the Sid Thomas Memorial Trophy, in memory of the former Daily Colonist sports editor, will receive the large trophy and replica, plus a suitably engraved watch.

Deadline for nominating letters is April 23. Committee's choice will be announced shortly after. All letters should be sent to "Sid Thomas Trophy, Daily Colonist, Victoria."

Names of all athletes or officials nominated for the honor will be published as received.

Four Rinks Lead In Unbeaten Style

Only 17 of the starting field of 65 rinks were unbeaten going into last night's late draws at the seventh annual men's bonspiel at the Victoria Curling Club.

Heading the field, each with three wins, were Len Ledoux, Gar Taylor and Sam Rycroft and Bob Siddall of Victoria. All four rinks were out to the 32s in the Grand Challenge (Dominion Hotel) event and the 16s in the Colonist Challenge.

Out to the 32s in both primary events and winners of their first two games were Clare Anderson, Wilkie Gardner, Gordie Moore, Ed Wilson, Art Karras, Charlie Hodgson, Reg Wright and Joe Leibel of Victoria, Barney Sigurdson of Vancouver, Murray Chadwick of Ladysmith, Gordie Noren of Courtenay, Ed Mould of Duncan and Bill Karjala of Nanaimo, certain to be tough in the race for Grand Aggregate (Birks) honors.

Play started last night in the two secondary events, the Eaton and Ker & Stephenson trophies, and first games in the two tertiary events—the Times and Hudson's Bay trophies—will start some time today.

SEVEN-ENDER

First, and only extra-end game so far, saw Ivan Wood take a win from Bill Wadsworth's Duncan rink. Yesterday's play also saw the bonspiel's second seven-ender, but this time it was in a losing cause. Nels Clow's Kelowna rink, which also includes Ross Brown, former member of the Victoria club, and Al Mather of Penticton, got seven when in was trailing Wes Austin of Victoria, 1-10. Austin sewed things up with three on the next end for a five-rock lead coming home.

Results and today's first two draws follow. Next draws were being made up last night and rinks are asked to check with the club secretary.

DOMINION HOTEL

Wilson (V) 11, Garraway (V) 6.
Anderson (V) 9, Tudor House (V) 4.
Pacific Meat (V) 9, Ludlow (V) 6.
Lanigan (V) 8, Smeaton (V) 4.
Lovric (V) 15, Craig (V) 9.
Spink (V) 8, Bird (V) 7.
MacDonald (V) 10, Clow (Kel) 8.
Beech (V) 8, Coulter (V) 7.
Atkins (V) 10, Hall (V) 5.
Ledoux (V) 8, Kakoske (CR) 5.
Chadwick (Ldysth) 10, Hoffman (V) 8.
Sigurdson (Van) 7, Acheson (V) 6.
Webster (V) 12, Sinclair (Court) 8.
Gardner (V) 10, Nugent (Court) 8.
Morison (Van) 11, Sturrock (V) 7.
Noren (Court) 1 2,Bowering (V) 6.
Filipchuk (PA) 10, Glover (Ash) 8.
Wood (V) 13, Wadsworth (Dun) 11.
Wright (V) 8, Robertson (V) 6.
Mould (Dun) 8, Spink (V) 2.
Dunn (Nan) 13, Helander (V) 6.
Karjala (Nan) 8, Six-Mile House (V) 7.
Anderson (V) 10, Tang (V) 8.
McDonald (Vic) 11, McLean (V) 5.
Taylor (V) 12, Gilhooley (V) 7.
Rycroft (V) 10, Lanigan (V) 6.
Bromwell (V) 8, Wood (V) 8.
Wright (V) 8, Atkins (V) 4.
Sidall (V) 8, Brown (V) 7.
Bowering (V) 9, Thornley (V) 3.
Leibel (V) 11, Helander (V) 4.
Ledoux (V) 8, Bullock (V) 5.
McLean (V) 11, Robertson (V) 8.
Acheson (V) 8, A. More (V) 5.
Mould (Dun) 9, Marshall (V) 4.
Hodgson (V) 8, Dunn (Nan) 7.
Seller (V) 11, Barwell (V) 8.
Karras (V) 11, Zabel (V) 6.
G. Moore (V) 7, Wadsworth (Dun) 4.
Anderson (V) 10, Pye (Dun) 0 (default.).
Austin (V) 13, Clow (Kel) 9.
Coulter (V) 13, Loveric (V) 7.
Gardner (V) 8, Morison (Van) 6.
Chadwick (Ladysmith) 10, Glover (Ash) 5.
Sigurdson (Van) 8, Hall (Chill) 7.
Tudor House (V) 7, Nugent (Court) 3.
Noren (Court) 13, Walls (V) 5.
Kakoske (CR) 12, Carlton (V) 8.
Wilson (V) 11, Filipchuk (PA) 6.
Taylor (V) 11, Smeaton (V) 4.
Karjala (N) 10, Ludlow (V) 2.
Ledoux (V) 10, Six-Mile House (V) 5.
Siddall (V) 12, Garraway (V) 2.
Rycroft (V) 9, Bowering (V) 3.
Sturrock (V) 10, Leibel (V) 8.

EATON'S

Brunwell (V) 14, Carlton (V) 5.
More (V) 13, Gilhooley (V) 5.

KER-STEVENSON

Brown (V) 13, Craig (V) 7.
Beach (V) 12, Pacific Meat (V) 7.
Marshall (V) 8, Bird (V) 6.
Thornley (V) 7, Barwell (V) 3.
Atkins (V) 9, Lanigan (V) 7.

TODAY'S DRAWS

8 a.m.—Acheson vs. Sinclair, Clow vs. Kakoske, Coulter vs. Nugent, Helander vs. Lovric, Zabel vs. Ludlow, Sturrock vs. Six Mile House, Robertson vs. Wadsworth, Bowering vs. Glover.

10.15 a.m.—Morison vs. Hodgson, Atkins vs. Leibel, Lovric vs. Karjala, Anderson vs. Spink, Wilson vs. Sigurdson, Karras vs. Acheson, Barwell vs. Smeaton, Carlton vs. Hall.

Next Round Sunday

Up-Island Golfers, Juniors 'In Tough'

Up-Island entries and city junior players will be cast in the familiar role of underdogs Sunday at Royal Colwood Golf and Country Club when the annual Vancouver Island Open Match Play Golf Tournament begins.

Only three up-Island players and three juniors remained in the championship flight following last weekend's qualifying round play.

Up-Island members are Mike Klob of Courtenay and a former Gorge Vale junior champion, Gordie Whan and Jim Swanson, both of Cowichan.

Juniors are Dave Humphries of Uplands and Bill Wakeham and Jim McColl of Gorge. Wakeham is a former Dominion champion and could be the dark-horse of the tournament.

Hugh Francis (Handicap) trophy contestants tee off at 9 a.m. Sunday while members of the championship flight tee off 56 minutes later.

HANDICAP FLIGHT

9 a.m.—J. G. Meadley (24), GV, vs. Dave Jones (11), U; J. Fidler (20), V, vs. J. Betts (16), U.

9.07—T. Armstrong (21), U, vs. H. V. Robinson (10), RC; Bert Thirlwell (8), U, vs. W. Spaven (9), CH.

9.14—F. Worsley (15), GV, vs. Mike Bartkow (7), RC; Sandy Mitchell (9), GV, vs. B. Francis (22), GV.

9.21—G. Murphy (14), GV, vs. M. McKay (9), V; R. H. McDonald (25), GV, vs. C. Bergstrom (8), GV.

9.28—Morrie Coxworth (10), U, vs. G. Petch (12), GV; C. A. Smith (16), GV, vs. A. Blackmore (13), GV.

9.35—W. Cameron (9), GV, vs. Pete Pedlow (25), U; D. Chester (10), Cow., vs. W. Pimley (7), GV.

9.42—Wally DuTemple (9), U, vs. Archie Gillies (16), GV; Gord Jones (7), GV, vs. W. Cotton (12), GV.

9.49—Don Straith (12), V, vs. K. Taylor (18), GV; Dick Munn (3), CH, vs. Dr. Roger Ross (3), GV.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

9.56—Laurie Carroll, V, vs. Bill Court, RC; W. Wakeham, GV, vs. Dave Humphries, U.

10.03—Joe Pryke, GV, vs. Jim McColl, GV; Dave Panthorpe, GV, vs. W. L. Luney, U.

10.10—Dr. G. B. Bigelow, V, vs. Fred Painter, GV; Al Reside, U, vs. Harold Husband, V.

10.17—Gord Whan, Cow., vs. John Merriman, GV; Vince Wheatley, GV, vs. Bud Rogers, U.

10.24—Frank Scroggs, U, vs. Vic Painter, RC; Mike Kolb, Court., vs. Roy Jaga, GV.

10.31—Ron MacLeod, QB, vs. Jim Barry, V; J. Swanson, Cow., vs. John Carlow, GV.

10.38—Art Docaldson (GV), vs. Fred Ransom, U; Al Senior, GV, vs. Laurie Kerr, RC.

10.45—Bill McColl, RC, vs. Ron Cush, GV; Vince Clarkson, RC, vs. George Andrews, RC.

(Key: RC—Colwood; V—Victoria; U—Uplands, GV—Gorge Vale; QB—Qualicum Beach; Court.—Courtenay; Cow.—Cowichan; CH—Cedar Hill.)

Victoria Too Late For Lions

Despite any efforts from the local parks committee through city council to bring B.C. Lions here for pre-season training, the WIFU club will definitely return to Kelowna this summer.

Lions have trained at Kelowna for the past four years and are scheduled to open in the Okanagan centre July 4.

Camp will break up July 19.

A Thursday report stated that parks committee would ask city council to approve in principle an effort to bring Lions to Victoria.

Mrs. Hay Wins Colwood Medal

Ladies' monthly medal golf competition at Royal Colwood Thursday saw Mrs. G. L. Hay win silver division low net honors with a sparkling 75.

Mrs. W. E. Passmore and Mrs. L. G. D'Easum tied for the bronze low net leadership with 80.

Tee Shot Pocketed

ASHBURNHAM, Wales (AP)—Tony Coop, playing in the British Professional Golfers' Association tournament, hit his tee shot on the 175-yard 16th into a spectator's pocket Thursday.

The spectator dropped the ball near the green and Coop needed three more shots to sink it. His 76 for the second round gave him a 153 total and left him far back in the big field.

This Track Thinks of Everything

NEW YORK (AP) — Ever go to a race track and go broke?

It has come to light that the Yonkers, N.Y. raceway, a harness racing track, provides for such unfortunate situations by handing out $2 for carfare back to Manhattan.

So far this meeting, a track spokesman said, $79.25 has been handed out for car, train or bus fare. The tab for last year's meeting came to about $800.

It works this way. If you go broke you appeal to the distress department. If your story carries conviction you get the $2.

"We have a way of separating the legitimates from the counterfeits," the spokesman said.

Senators, Redlegs Open with Victories

Four of the 16 major league baseball clubs got off to an early start Thursday with hometown Washington and Cincinnati recording wins in special ceremonial openers before a total of 59,000 shivering customers.

Remaining American and National League teams swing into action today with seven games expected to draw more than 200,000 people.

Biggest crowd, some 37,000, is expected at Detroit where the Tigers host Chicago White Sox.

Thursday's openers produced one-sided wins for Washington, 9-2 over Baltimore, and Cincinnati, 4-1 over Pittsburgh, as respective pitchers Pedro Ramos and Bob Purkey tossed impressive six-hitters.

Three games are scheduled today for the American League. New York Yankees open defence of their AL title, hosting Boston Red Sox at Yankee Stadium. Chicago meets Detroit and Kansas City travels to Cleveland.

National League games pit Milwaukee at Pittsburgh in perhaps the feature game of the day. Los Angeles plays at St. Louis and Cincinnati plays at Philadelphia. The latter two games are evening games.

Harmon Killebrew and Canadian-born Reno Bertoia hit early home runs before an opening-day crowd of 26,850 at Washington Thursday. In attendance was Vice-President Richard (no-windup) Nixon, who threw out the traditional first ball.

Ramos, the rubber-armed Cuban veteran, had shut out Baltimore until the ninth inning when Oriole catcher Gus Triandos crashed out a two-run homer. Losing pitcher was Jack Harshman.

The game also saw Baltimore pull off the first triple play ever recorded in a major league opener, a fifth-inning effort that first-baseman Bob Boyd started and finished.

Roy Sievers of Washington walked and Bob Allison beat out a bunt to set up the triple killing. Ed Fitzgerald lined a single towards first and Sievers and Allison moved with the hit, thinking it would go through safely.

But Boyd neatly picked off the liner to retire Fitzgerald, fired to Chico Carrasquel to catch Sievers off second and took Carrasquel's return throw to catch Allison off first.

A capacity crowd of 32,190 at Cincinnati watched the Redlegs use power hitting by rookie Vada Pinson and Frank Robinson to beat Pittsburgh.

Pinson drove in one run and scored two. Robinson slashed a two-run homer and drove in the other Cincinnati tally with a single off losing pitcher Ronnie Kline. Pinson, PCE rookie-of-the-year with Seattle in 1958, and Robinson drove in all four Cincinnati runs.

AMERICAN

Baltimore	000 000 002—2	7	3
Washington	100 401 12x—9	14	1

Harshman, Wilhelm (5), E. Johnson (8) and Triandos; Rasmos and Fitzgerald. Home runs: Washington, Killebrew, Bertoia; Baltimore, Triandos.

NATIONAL

Pittsburgh	001 000 000—1	6	0
Cincinnati	000 220 00x—4	8	0

Kline, R. G. Smith (6), Porterfield (8) and Foiles; Purkey and Bailey. Home run: Cincinnati, Robinson 1.

Celtics Sweep Cage Series From Minneapolis Lakers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Bullseye Bill Sharman blunted the Minneapolis Lakers' last gasp challenge Thursday night and Boston took the National Basketball Association championship with a 118-113 victory that gave the Celtics an unprecedented sweep of the title playoffs.

Sharman's long one-handed casts from the sides and behind the foul circle bailed the Celtics out of trouble after Bob Leonard and Elgin Baylor teamed to shoot the Lakers into the lead.

The 32-year-old veteran finished with 29 points in one of the finest hours of his long pro career. He experienced the minor disappointment, however, of seeing his record foul shot streak snapped at 56 when he missed a free throw in the third period.

The four-game sweep gave Boston, most explosive offensive team in league history, the distinction of being the first NBA team to go through the title playoffs unbeaten. It is the Celtics' second title in three years.

While Sharman's long range blasting carried the Celtics in the fourth period, it was a layup by fireman Frank Ramsey with a half minute left that put the final crusher on the Lakers' hopes.

Baylor led the Lakers with 30 points and Leonard had 21. Tommy Heinsohn, the tall, acrobatic Celtic frontliner, had 23 and Ramsey 24 in another superlative pinchhitting role.

Minor Hockey Prizes Awarded at Windup

Annual Victoria Minor Hockey Association party was held Thursday night at Britannia Canadian Legion where 22 various trophies and numerous crests were presented to players and teams.

Guest speakers were Frank Mulliner, Memorial Arena chairman; Pat Egan, coach and general manager of Victoria Cougars, and George Joy, president of Robin Hood Flour Company. A large crowd was in attendance.

Following is a list of trophies that were presented:

PEE WEE

Playoff winner—Flyers (W. S. Hall Trophy).

League champions—Maroons (F. W. Francis Trophy).

Most sportsmanlike player — Ron Zilkie (Robin Hood Trophy).

FLYWEIGHT

Most sportsmanlike and most valuable—John McKilligan (Robin Hood Oats Trophy).

BANTAM

League champions — Capitals (Mitchell and Duncan Trophy).

Most valuable player — Paul Bion (Northwestern Creamery Trophy).

Most improved — Larry McCann (Island Temple Trophy).

High scorer—Dave Woodley (Brock Whitney Trophy).

MIDGET

Playoff winners — Bruins (Dudleigh Trophy).

Most valuable player—Garry Zilkie (Island Temple Trophy).

Most sportsmanlike player — Larry Biggs (Bob Burrows Trophy).

Most improved—Alan Tarbett (Phil Brook and Butler Trophy).

Most improved runner-up — Larry Johnston (Cox's Bakery Trophy).

High scorer—Jim Cathro (Jim Rolfe Trophy).

JUVENILE

Most valuable player — Toby Wilson (Kinsmen Trophy).

Most improved player — Jim McNeill (Mc and Mc Trophy).

JUNIOR

Most improved — Brian Andrew Cec Fletcher Trophy).

Most valuable—Lonnie Restell (Henry Birks Trophy).

Most outstanding goaltender — Ron Griffis (Association Island Temple Trophy).

Most outstanding player—Mike Woodley (Hudson's Bay Trophy).

Most outstanding runner-up — Jim Cathro (Island Temple Trophy).

Remember When:

Jackie Robinson, the brilliant infielder, became the first Negro to break into major league baseball when Brooklyn Dodgers 12 years ago today announced purchase of his contract from Montreal Royals of the International League. The announcement followed Montreal's 4-3 victory over Brooklyn in an exhibition game at the Dodgers' home park.

Your Scrapbook's Waiting

'I Didn't Mean To, Mel'

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Mel, your valuable scrapbook is being held in the sports department of the Miami Herald. The boy who took it from a parked car is sorry to the point of tears.

The crudely wrapped package addressed in boy-sized block letters arrived Wednesday. Inside was the scrapbook, bulging with pictures of New York Yankee baseball players.

Some of the pictures had been posed with a boy named Mel. All were autographed "to Mel," who wore a patch over his right eye.

A letter affixed to the front of the scrapbook inside the package read:

"Dear Sir:

"I am very much ashamed of my self for what I have just done. I was by the Miami Stadium Sat. night waiting for some one to hit a home run outside of the stadium when I saw a car with a album and a baseball autographed by the Yankees. I took the book and the ball. I hid it and the next day I looked at the picture with the little boy with a patch on his eye.

"I felt so bad that I cried. I said to myself I just had to get these pictures back to him —but how? So I thought of the newspaper. So I am sending it to you. I didn't tell my big brother or my daddy because I am afraid.

"Maybe if you write a little piece in the paper maybe the little boy will see it and he can get it back. I know they live in Florida because the car had Miami licence tags.

A very sorry 10 year old boy "James."

The package did not contain the autographed baseball.

Butterfly Swim Star Enters Meet

Aldy Meinhardt had himself quite a time in his last appearance at the Crystal Garden Pool, and he hopes to duplicate or better it tomorrow in the annual B.C. swimming and diving championsrips.

The 14-year-old butterfly stroke ace of the Vancouver Amateur Swimming Club won four races in the last invitational gala here, and is one of the big reasons why the Vancouver team is favored to win the provincial aggregate title.

Providing the competition will be the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club, the Vancouver Dolphin Club, and the Victoria Flying Y team.

Heats start at 1 p.m., with finals scheduled for 7 p.m.

Bergstrom's 79 Wins Navy Golf

LS Con Bergstrom shot a 79 at Gorge Vale Club yesterday to take low gross honors in the season's first competition for members of the Royal Canadian Navy Golf Association.

PO Goronuk was low net winner with a 58.